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REPORT NO. 25X1

TOPIC Troop Units Returning to their Military Posts

25X1 EVALUATION [] PLACE OBTAINED [] 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 9 to 20 October 1952

25X1 DATE OBTAINED [] DATE PREPARED 19 November 1952

REFERENCES [] 25X1

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REMARKS

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25X1 [] 1. During the night of 9 October 1952, a troop train carrying JS tanks and trucks, []
 25X1 [] (M 52/K 39) railroad station. [] was unloaded at the Borna 25X1
 25X1 [] The trucks observed had the same 25X1
 25X1 [] The unloaded unit subsequently left
 for the Panzer Kaserne near the railroad station. 1

2. On 18 October, a unit with 8 x 100-mm AT guns, 12 x 76.2-mm field guns, 3 x
 122-mm field howitzers, towed by prime movers, 8 sedans, about 100 trucks and
 10 field kitchens entered the Flak Kaserne on Gausaer Strasse, Merseburg
 (M 52/D 91), by road, coming from the direction of Weissenfels. The vehicles
 were occupied by a large number of troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets
 with artillery insignia and a few, black-bordered black epaulets. During the
 preceding days, the Flak Kaserne had been occupied by an advance party of about
 250 troops with 20 trucks and 4 x 100-mm AT guns. On 18 October, the barracks
 installation was occupied by about 2,000 troops. [] 25X1
 that the installation was more heavily occupied than in 1951. 2 25X1

3. During the night of 19 October, 14 T-34 tanks and another 18 tanks of an undetermined
 type, [] and about 60 trucks, []
 25X1 [] were unloaded from a troop train at the Zeitz (M 52/K 08)
 25X1 [] railroad station. The train had arrived from the direction of Weissenfels. While
 tank tracks were seen on the road to the Artillery Kaserne west of Friedensstrasse,
 the trucks hauled billeting equipment to the Artillerie Kaserne as well as to the
 Infanterie Kaserne east of Friedensstrasse, on 20 October. The billeting equipment
 at the station was guarded by troops who had arrived by truck [] 25X1

1. [] Comment. No definite conclusion can be drawn on the occupation of the
 Panzer Kaserne in Borna. [] the tank unit mentioned
 in paragraph 1 of the present report belongs to the 8th Gds Mecz Div. The 1st Gds
 Tank Regt is carried in Grimma, [] however, was repeatedly confirmed 25X1
 in Borna. Since the departure of the troops for the Koenigsbrueck troop training
 ground in April and their return in October took place on about the same days as
 the departure and the return of the troops stationed in Grimma, there is a
 possibility that the headquarters and elements of the regiment are stationed in
 Borna. [] 25X1

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- 25X1 2. [REDACTED] Comment. The unit mentioned in paragraph 2 of the present report may have been an artillery unit of the unidentified artillery brigade of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps stationed in Merseburg which returned from the Kindel Troop training grounds by road. During the period from 2 to 9 October 1952, however, elements of the brigade arrived at the post on trains [REDACTED] 25X1
- 25X1 [REDACTED] coming from the Kindel troop training grounds. In addition to these shipments, elements of the division went from Kindel to Koethen in the Dessau training area on trains [REDACTED] on 3 25X1
- 25X1 October. [REDACTED] Since, on 16 and 17 25X1
- 25X1 October, 22 trains [REDACTED] went from the loading area of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps at and around Wiesenburg to the Halle regional railroad district, the artillery unit observed may have arrived on one of these trains, judging from the date of observation. [REDACTED] 25X1
- 25X1 [REDACTED]. As with the artillery brigade of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps in Gera, no artillery pieces of 152-mm caliber were observed with the artillery brigade of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps in Merseburg. [REDACTED] 25X1
- 25X1 3. [REDACTED] Comment. From the two regiments of the 23th Gds Mecz Div stationed in Weitz, [REDACTED] 25X1
- 25X1 [REDACTED] went from Crawinkel to the Wiesenburg area on 7 and 8 October. [REDACTED] The elements of the two regiments which arrived on the trains mentioned above are fairly definitely believed to have returned from the loading area of the division near Ziesar and Alten- 25X1
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